

SUNSHINE PERIOD

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Commission
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Re: Cablevision

Dear Sir:

The above referenced company has an exclusive franchise to sell cable television programming in the city of Cleveland Heights, a community of about 75,000 population. In the last twelve months, Cablevision has increased its rate for "family cable" (basic programming) by 18.5%. You will find attached three monthly billings over that time showing these increases.

The cable customer has no remedy for such irrational price escalations other than to disconnect. Yet the economics of cable pricing are reaching the point where customers who can afford the investment will find individual satellites an attractive alternative. For those who can't, only government regulation will offer any promise of relief.

In anticipation of such regulation, Cablevision has not only increased its rates but has announced it will begin to sell a "basic package" of programming for about \$10.00 per month. Shamelessly, it advises that the package will consist of only commercial stations which one can receive quite readily with a \$40 roof antenna. Cablevision seems determined not to conduct its business in a fair and responsible manner and deserves strong regulatory oversight.

The cable consumer must now look to your Commission to achieve some economic and business sanity in the cable industry.

Yours truly,

F. L. Hartman

cc: General Counsel, FCC ✓
Senator H. Metzenbaum
Congressman L. Stokes

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CABLEVISION

ACCOUNT NUMBER
07811-423744-03-1BILLED FROM BILLED TO DATE DUE
1/23/92 2/22/92 ON RECPT 1/17/92

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FOR- 1385 BURLINGTON RD

291-1955-BILLING INQUIRIES

12/22 BEGINNING BALANCE 18.95

382-5421-CABLE REPAIR

1/14 RATE ADJUSTMENT 1.06

1/23- 2/22 FULL MONTH
FAMILY CABLE 18.95CUSTOMERS TELL US THEY
APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED
WHEN THEIR BILL IS PAST DUE.

1/22 BALANCE DUE 38.96

*PAST DUE PAYMENTS WILL BE *
SUBJECT TO A LATE CHARGE.

JAN 23 THRU FEB 22, 1992

IF PAYMENT HAS BEEN SENT,
PLEASE ACCEPT OUR THANKS.SAMPLE CINEMAX AND HBO ***FREE***. IT'S A FREE PREVIEW WEEKEND.
WATCH CINEMAX 1/31 AND 2/1, HBO 2/2 AND 2/3. SAVE ON INSTALL TOO!

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BILLING INQUIRIES 291-1955
CABLE REPAIR 382-5421, SEND
LETTERS TO CLEVELAND HTS
ADDRESS ONLY.

11/22 BEGINNING BALANCE 30.99

12/14 PAYMENT-THANK YOU 30.99-

12/23- 1/22 FULL MONTH

FAMILY CABLE 20.45

12/23- 1/22 FULL MONTH

ADDL FAMILY CABL 5.95

12/22 BALANCE DUE 26.40

DEC 23 THRU JAN 22, 1993

*pd 1-14-93*HAPPY HOLIDAYS! ALL PAY-PER-VIEW MOVIES JUST \$2.00 PER VIEW ON
12/20, 12/25, 12/26, 1/1 AND 1/2 ONLY. CALL 382-5421 TO ORDER.

CABLEVISION

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2/18/93

FOR- 1385 BURLINGTON RD

BILLING INQUIRIES 291-1955
CABLE REPAIR 382-5421, SEND
LETTERS TO CLEVELAND HTS
ADDRESS ONLY.

1/22 BEGINNING BALANCE 52.80

1/19 PAYMENT-THANK YOU 26.40-

2/12 PAYMENT-THANK YOU 26.00-

2/23- 3/22 FULL MONTH

FAMILY CABLE 22.45

2/23- 3/22 FULL MONTH

ADDL FAMILY CABL 5.95

2/22 BALANCE DUE 28.80

FEB 23 THRU MAR 22, 1993

*14.5% increase
since Feb 1992*EXPERIENCE A DEATH-DEFYING MOTORCYCLE JUMP-OFF AS ROBBIE KNieVEL
COMPETES AGAINST EDDIE KIDD, LIVE 3/12 ONLY ON PPV! CALL 382-5421!